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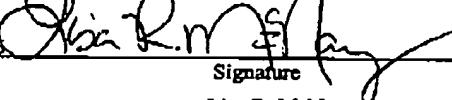
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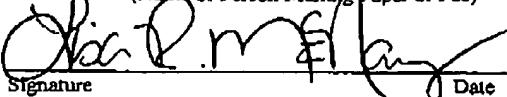
This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on April 19, 2006 in the above-identified patent application. Entry of this amendment and reconsideration of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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